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Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The annual county convention of the Y. M. C. A. was held at Middlebury on Friday, June 5. In the early part of the afternoon there was organized the Social Service Federation of Addison county.

The latter part of the afternoon was devoted to a farmers' meeting for the purpose of discussing the possibility of a "County Agricultural Agent". Farmers from many of the towns throughout the county were present. So much enthusiasm was shown that a motion was passed to carry the afternoon's meeting into the evening, a committee being appointed to recommend officers and an executive committee.

All farmers and many more who assembled at the banquet passed and adopted the recommendations of the committee.

At 6:30 in the Memorial Baptist church approximately 150 people from all parts of Addison county, were served by that capable body of women, known as the Women's Auxiliary to the Y. M. C. A. C. I. Batton, acted as toastmaster. The following people delivered short addresses: Mr. Bradley, State Experiment station; J. N. Barss, J. E. Weeks, E. B. Cornwall, George Stone, and Prof. C. B. Wright.

H. E. Roberts, the speaker of the occasion, filled the highest expectations. His subject was: "The Part of the Y. M. C. A. in the New Rural Awakening".

Footo Family Reunion.

The annual business meeting of the Footo Family Association was held on the steamer Vermont at Plattsburgh at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Judge E. C. Everest welcomed the association to Plattsburgh, and his welcome was responded to by Vice-President John A. Footo, who presided in the absence of President J. Merrill Footo. The same officers were re-elected and the reports of the various officers were read and accepted. Plans were discussed to hold the next meeting of the association at San Francisco in 1915 during the Pan-American exposition. It was voted to leave the details of the meeting with the board of managers, which is composed of the officers of the association and the board of counselors. A pleasant hour was taken up with remarks and reminiscences by Nathaniel Footo, judge of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York, A. W. Footo of Middlebury, H. F. Remington, John A. Footo and A. S. Footo.

The officers are as follows: President, J. Merrill Footo of Newark, N. J.; vice-presidents, Lawrence Footo of Canton, Miss., Judge Henry M. Footo of Washington, D. C., John A. Footo of Catskill, N. Y., Judge H. F. Remington of Rochester, N. Y.; secretary-treasurer, Judge Abram W. Footo of Middlebury; historian, Nathaniel Footo of New York. The counselors are: G. Clifford Footo of New Haven, Conn., Charles P. Footo of Pawtucket, R. I., and Mrs. Mary Footo Mack of Sandusky, Ohio.

Reynolds-Carey.

A pretty June wedding occurred at the Memorial Baptist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Martha A. Carey was united in marriage to Earnest A. Reynolds by Rev. R. B. Esten, pastor of the church. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Arthur Bristol. The bride was gown in white voile over white silk and carried white roses, she was attended by her sister, Mrs. J. F. Tabor, who wore a dress of blue silk mull and carried pink roses. The groom was attended by his brother, William Reynolds. Both the bride and groom are well known here, the latter being connected with the local branch of the Vermont Marble Co. After a short wedding trip they will reside on Seymour street.

Prize Speaking Contest.

The prize speaking contests by the Middlebury high school students will be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, June 16.

The program is as follows: "A Hero of the Furnace Room," Anon, by Frances P. Meehan; "Night Run of the Overland," Pease, by Pauline Beatrice Aines; "A Waterlogged Town," Smith, by Homer Blakely Harris; "Jean Valjean Reveals Himself," Hugo, by Harold John Taylor; "Commencement," Kellogg, by Christine Jane Webster; "To the Lions," Brooks, by Kenneth McKenzie Gorham; "Angela's Missionary Offering," Greenman, by Marion Grace Elmer; "Gordon Redeems Himself," Anon, by Frank Carl Whitney.

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COUNTY COURT.

The case of Joseph Blaise vs the town of Weybridge had just been got to trial when our report closed last week, and in this case the plaintiff sued the defendant town for \$1500 damages for injuries caused to himself in September last in consequence of an accident at a defective sluice bridge lying on the road from Weybridge to Bridport.

The testimony for Mr. Blaise was completed before the adjournment Thursday night and the whole day Friday was consumed in the hearing of testimony. On the other side, while, with a little testimony offered in rebuttal, was all got in before the recess for the night was taken. Saturday forenoon was devoted to the arguments of the lawyers, and court came in half an hour earlier than usual in order that the pleas might be finished before noon, each side being limited to an hour and a half. Three good pleas were made. Mr. Russell led off for the plaintiff and Mr. Cushman closed the argument for that side. Mr. Donoway coming in between for the defence. Judge Donoway claimed for defence that the bridge in question was not in the bad condition claimed by the plaintiff at the time of the accident, that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence and that his injuries were not as serious as alleged. The arguments were completed at 11:45 o'clock and at that hour a recess was taken to 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the jurors not on the case having all been excused on Friday morning to that time.

At the opening of court on Monday Judge Stanton at once began his charge to the jury and addressed them for just half an hour. The charge was a clear and strong exposition of the law applicable to the case, which went to the jury at 2:30 o'clock. Charles A. Chapman of Ferrisburg was appointed their foreman. The jury came in at 5 o'clock with a verdict in favor of plaintiff Blaise, that he recover \$100 damages and his costs.

The important case of E. N. Bissell vs J. C. S. Hamilton, involving a claim of \$10,000 damages for slander, was continued to the December term by agreement of counsel and several other cases set down for jury trial were transferred from the jury calendar to the court calendar, with the result that, with the cases that had previously been tried, settled or continued, the list of civil jury cases was exhausted, leaving criminal trials to come next. No session of the court was held Tuesday morning, Judge Stanron announcing to the jurors that owing to the disposition of the civil jury calendar State's Attorney Tuttle was not ready with any cases, a recess was taken to 2 p.m. The criminal docket for the term was taken up shortly after the opening in the afternoon. The following cases were set for trial: State vs Joseph L. Duprey, embezzlement; State vs George Pond, alias George Cochran, arson; and State vs George La Rose, alleged horse stealing. Henry Eubar of Ripton was brought into court and arraigned on a charge of killing two deer in the open season in Ripton between November 10 and December 1 last, having the legal right to shoot only one deer. The respondent pleaded not guilty and was put under \$200 bail and the case marked for trial L. C. Russell of Middlebury was assigned as his counsel. In the case of Napoleon Disorder of Sudbury, who was charged with having in his possession watered milk, presumably with the intention of selling it, the respondent, through his attorney, Charles I. Button of Middlebury, pleaded guilty, but disclaimed all knowledge of the watering of his milk. He was given the minimum fine of \$50 and costs of \$8. Several other small matters were disposed of and at 3:30 o'clock a recess was taken for the day, with the case of State vs La Rose assigned for trial at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Four respondents were arraigned in court at the opening of the Wednesday morning session. First came Peter Sorro, an Italian, who was charged with grand larceny in the stealing of \$52 from Tone Tomoso, a fellow Italian at Vergennes on the 12th day of December last and he pleaded not guilty. James Pitaillo of Rutland acted as interpreter and was also a witness in the case. State's Attorney Tuttle conducted the prosecution and by appointment of the court A. W. Dickens of Middlebury acted as counsel for the prisoner. The trial was begun as soon as the other prisoners had entered their pleas.

George Bailey of Middlebury who was charged with breaking into the dwelling house of D. H. Bowen of New Haven on March 9th last, and stealing therefrom property to the value of \$40, was arraigned. The respondent pleaded not guilty, and was remanded to jail to await trial.

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